



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The
First, Second, and Third
Tuesday of each month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

August 12, 2008

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Reid reported on the following:

1. July 16th, attended meeting of the Central Sierra Resource and Conservation District (Bruce Woodworth represents Mono County), looking for approval to apply for a grant for a watershed study. Talked to them about the potential for a grant to do a multi-organizational newsletter.
2. July 17th, attended the Town-County Liaison meeting. Air service is starting in December; talked about the Southern Mono County Recreation District; discussed Crowley Lake Community Center problems and why people in Mammoth don't use their community center (the issues could involve cost and limited use of the facility).
3. July 18th, went to the WWSA woodland wilderness area with Sally Miller.
4. Regarding a phone survey about gold mining, asked the company for the results once the survey is completed.
5. August 7th, attended the IMAAA governing board meeting. The main topic was the budget shortfall; agreed to contribute \$75,000 to help balance the budget. If providing 32% funding to help with shortfall, Mono County should receive a 32% increase in services. Working toward moving Mono County's services to County administration. Tom Wallace has prepared a letter outlining what Mono County wants; someone from the County should present the letter to IMAAA so the County's position is clear.

Received a letter of resignation from Betty Potterville, chair of IMAAA governing board; the Board should put together a resolution of recognition for Betty.

6. Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC meeting on August 7th. Gave a Mountain Gate update; the restrooms have been purchased. The air conditioner in the community center needs to be upgraded or repaired.
7. On Sunday attended the 1880s celebration at Bodie. There were a lot of people there; it was a good event.
8. Attended the LTC meeting yesterday. Talked about budget shortfalls; update about ESTA and the new buses; YARTS is doing well; reallocated \$50,000 and asked if this would be used in Mono County—apparently it will; there are many long-term projects being considered; Gasex in Lee Vining is almost finished; the bike coordination effort was introduced.
9. People have been asking about the non-profit food vendors fee since the Founder's Day event is coming up. Dave Wilbrecht said fees can be deferred until the Board makes a decision; the fees could be collected at a later date if necessary.
10. Will be out of the state this coming Friday-Monday.

Supervisor Hunt reported on the following:

1. Received an email about road improvements that impact bikers.
2. July 17th, attended the Town-County Liaison meeting. Discussed air service; first flights are sold out. In August the steering committee will start meeting to discuss expenditure of Measure R monies. ESTA is experiencing a cash-flow problem; funding not available as expected. Considering a line of credit. Talked about the formation of the Southern Mono County Recreation District. A lot of discussion about the use of the Crowley Lake Community Center; the County needs to establish police.
3. July 24th, attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting. Kirkwood Meadows is getting their power needs from generators; it is polluting the air. The community is in the process of replacing diesel power generation.
4. July 20th, attended the Mono County Environmental Health and Drug Alcohol meeting. Receiving more money than anticipated. Hope to consider using excess funds for under-funded transportation needs. Mental Health Department has experienced problems with electronic records systems; hoping to fund a new system.
5. A bear broke into his garage and injured his dog; the dog did not survive the attack. Have become more aware of bear management issues; safety officers need more and better training. Have seen a lot of wildlife in the Mammoth area.
6. RCRC is asking for a letter of support on AB32, scoping plans having to do with global warming. RCRC is concerned because the wildfire aspect has not been adequately addressed. Rural counties need a way to work with wildfires. They want a letter by October 3rd.
7. Sunday August 3rd, fourth grandchild was born.
8. Sherwin fire was mostly wrapped up last Sunday. The fire fighters did a great job. The fire burned 345 acres. There were no structures lost and only three incidences with fire fighters. The Rotary Club held an ice cream social for them on Thursday.
9. Met with several people from the County and Town to discuss projects the County can help with to alleviate the Town's budget issues. Suggested two areas: 1) Allowing the Town to invest their funds in the County's investment pool, which may earn the Town \$25,000-\$50,000 per year. 2) Also offered to help conduct TOT audits; the Town does not currently have a person performing this function.
10. Regarding ESTA, the board decided to help with funding and ask counties and towns to help with a line of credit; expense reduction measures will be put into place (i.e. reducing overtime, travel expenses, and marketing expenses). The ongoing needs of the organization need to be addressed. The demand for services is up and state

funding is waning.

11. Last weekend attended the Sierra Summer Festival symphony. It was an incredible experience that combined images and music.
12. Attended the High Sierra Energy Summit kick-off event on Sunday.
13. The County has done a good job this year keeping the Benton Crossing road clear of rocks and debris; it makes bike riding enjoyable.
14. In the process of making home and yard fire safe; have started to clear brush. People in Mammoth don't seem to realize the fire hazards.

Supervisor Hazard reported on the following:

1. Visited Monterey last week.
2. July 24th, attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting. Learned how wilderness designations tie into air pollution issues.
3. July 25th, met with members of Public Works and Planning; toured the possible future site of an emergency access road in Swall Meadows. The community needs another exit point for evacuation purposes. Will start to look for funding sources to develop a road.
4. August 1st, held office hours in Benton. Public Works may receive a letter from the community describing below standard conditions and needed repairs at the park.
5. August 2nd, attended the Benton music festival; it was a nice event.
6. During the last month, received numerous calls regarding fuel woods and trash at the Swall Meadows transfer station. The transfer station does not accept wood waste, which creates a problem; people are being told they have to drive up to Benton Crossing landfill. Been working with Public Works to find a solution; brought in a dumpster for this material. Cal Fire issued citations to homeowners for not clearing brush. If this option [the dumpster] is used next year, the expense would be about \$5,000.
7. August 6th, attended the management meeting; good conversation.
8. August 7th, met with IMAAA board; their budget is about \$200,000 in deficit. The Board committed up to \$75,000 for their shortfall provided there are conditions for the use of the money.
9. August 8th, held Chalfant office hours; there are no significant issues.
10. August 11th, met with the LTC; request from ESTA for \$50,000. ESTA will conduct a survey to determine a payment into the system by each county. LTC has made a tentative commitment for the \$50,000. LTC will work on establishing a fund reserve.
11. Yesterday met with staff to discuss the Bauxenbaum project in Crowley Lake; working through issues concerning water. There is a larger discussion about water availability in the Crowley Lake basin.

Supervisor Farnetti reported on the following:

1. July 18th, attended the Law Library Board of Trustees meeting; received a proposed budget of \$19,500. Westlaw subscription increased and is now \$6,300. Discussed who uses the law library books and online resources. The more seasoned attorneys use the books, and newer attorneys are using online resources. Books are available in Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes. Marshall Rudolph was re-elected as president.
2. July 21st, attended the air service workshop in Mammoth. During the winter season there will be 116 flights starting on December 18th through mid April. The price will be \$99 if purchased 7 days in advance, and up to \$149 with no restrictions; there will be connecting air service from major areas. Emphasis on how lodging community can promote air service by using logos and links on websites.
3. Received a letter from Department of Justice about charging for services provided by state crime labs. If this passes, Mono County's share will be \$52,000.
4. July 30th, invited to caddy at the Legend Reno-Tahoe golf event; saw several pro golfers play.

5. Yesterday attended the LTC meeting. Talked about the state funding shortfall for ESTA; they are looking for additional funds from the Inyo and Mono LTCs. They have also increased fares to help pay for the offset, which raised \$66,000. Ridership is up so it would be detrimental to reduce services. LTC reserves are almost \$232,000; a portion is being used for bus shelters. Update on the Mammoth airport, which is scheduled for completion the 3rd week of September. The pavement is completed; it needs to cure before further work continues. The terminal building is ready. Approved the 2007-2008 audit. Cal Trans gave a presentation about transportation funding. Lengthy discussion about better coordination with the biking community and work on the highways; there needs to be more coordination with Cal Trans. With layoff of state workers and inability to hire temporary workers, Cal Trans may have difficulty hiring their seasonal workers.

Chairwoman Bauer reported on the following:

1. ESTA issues were discussed previously. \$200,000 short from state; \$100,000 made up in income already. The reserve still has \$70,000 after covering last-year's shortfalls. The line of credit from entities will help with salary shortfalls; the organization needs to solve its structural problems. It is only costing about \$20,000 per month to maintain the level of service. There are grant funds available. On Friday, ESTA will discuss service allocations. Received approval to submit a grant through Kern County COG to complete a leg of ridership into Lancaster. John Helm is focusing on next year's budget.
2. Last Friday night attended a pot luck dinner in Mammoth Lakes with the advocates. It was a good event.
3. Clark Tract meeting last week was positive; received good input from citizens. Staff met afterwards and decided to conduct another survey.
4. Attended the Mammoth Town Council meeting and helped Bob Haueter explain the Board's action; the Town Council will submit a letter of support. The Town appreciates the work done by the County.
5. June Lake CAC had a successful meeting; there are two second homeowners and retirees on the board. This was Dean Rosnau's first meeting and he was very well spoken. Some June Lake advocates attended the meeting, and the second homeowners in attendance worked well with the board.
6. YARTS has been having trouble for a few years, but ridership is up 20% and the budget has improved.
7. Attended the CPT meeting two weeks ago; the subcommittee update was well received. There may be a possible source of funding for ESTA.
8. TOT audit of Gull Lake Lodge went well.
9. Attended a Mammoth Chamber mixer.
10. Went to Utah to set son up at school.
11. Worked at the Jazz Jubilee for a couple of days.
12. A bear was shot in June Lake. Deputies have been trained; they tried to move the bear out of the area by shooting him with bean bags. The situation turned serious and the bear was endangering a visitor's life.

Break: 11:00-11:10 a.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.
David Wilbrecht reported on the following:

1. Had a two-week vacation last month; thanked Tom Wallace for filling in. The County is moving into a new era with good employees; personnel issues have been greatly reduced. Training offered to county managers has made a big difference.
2. Appreciated the hard work of those who fought the fire in Mammoth Lakes.
3. ESTA seems to be moving forward.
4. Next week's agenda for the special meeting: ESTA funding, discussion about parks district, High Sierra Energy Partnership resolution, discussion from the Clerk about consolidating voting precincts into one location. Regarding question about having a joint meeting, the Town Council is interested but their Wednesday meeting is too long. Will complete the Board's agenda and send copies to Town Council members. If they want to engage in the issues, they can set up a special meeting. Recommend having the Tuesday evening meeting in Mammoth at the Social Services Conference Room. The Town-County Liaison meeting is on Thursday so items can be carried over.
5. Supervisor Farnetti commented at the managers' meeting about visual difficulties in the new agenda software (i.e. the correspondence section). The vendor will help with formatting issues; in the meantime, staff will work around the problems.
6. Will continue working on problems with Crowley Lake Community Center. The bids for the hardscaping are in; need a decision about whether or not there will be concrete in certain places.
7. Inyo-Mono Title will no longer occupy space in the Clerk's Office. They now have access to necessary software in their Bishop Office.
8. Continuing status meetings with department heads.
9. Regarding housing, will probably use Mammoth Lakes Housing to review plans. In September, there will be a half-year report about the Housing Authority. Will conduct a thorough review of the loan program and new opportunities for loans. Will focus affordable housing efforts in Lee Vining; the community is engaged and there is county-owned land available for affordable housing.
10. Department head meeting last week; it is a good opportunity to accomplish things. Appreciate attendance by two of the Board Members.
11. Working on ESTA funding, wilderness support letter, and High Sierra Energy Partnership; will attend the Measure R meeting.
12. Sierra Center Mall is moving forward.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Tom Wallace reported on the following: 1) Party at Crowley Lake Community Center this last weekend had no problems; there is a meeting on Friday at the center to discuss policy and procedures for the community center. Will consider various financial options (i.e. bigger deposit). Met with the Sheriff about how they can help. 2) Regarding IMAAA, drafted a letter detailing possible terms for making funds available to help with the deficit. Betty Potterville has resigned after 15 years on the governing board. Spoke with Clerk about a plaque and presentation; will also initiate recruitment for a new board member. The Board of Supervisors nominates a board member to the governing board, and the four seated IMAAA board members vote to appoint the nominated representative. 3) Regarding problems with software used by Mental Health, the vendor discovered that about half the billings were being diverted into a suspense account. Staff has now been trained.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Additional Departments: Veteran Services

- 3a) Certificates of Compliance - This is a standard renewal of the Certificates of Compliance as filed in the past by the County. They certify to the State that, in fact, a Veterans Service Officer has been appointed and the duties of the VSO are in compliance with code.
- M08-165** **Action:** Approve and authorize Board Chair's signature on the Subvention and Medi-Cal Certificates of Compliance for 2008-2009 fiscal year.
Farnetti/Hunt, 5-0

ELECTIONS

- 4a) Election Consolidation Request - Pursuant to California Elections Code, Division 10, Part 3 (commencing with section 10400), a school district can request consolidation of an election, including bond elections, with other elections, and can request the Registrar of Voters to perform election services.
- M08-166** **Action:** Approve the consolidation of school bond election ordered in Resolution #08-01 of the Board of Trustees of Mammoth Unified School District, with other elections to be held on November 4, 2008; permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services necessary in connection with the bond election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse the county as required by law.
Farnetti/Hunt, 5-0

SHERIFF CORONER

- 5a) Resolution for State Homeland Security Grant Administering for 2008 - Resolution authorizing Richard C. Scholl and Jeff Beard to apply for and administer Homeland Security Grant FY 2008, Homeland Security Grant Program (grant award not to exceed \$150,000)
- R08-46** **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R08-46** authorizing Mono County Sheriff Richard C. Scholl and Jeff Beard, current OES Coordinator, to apply for and administer Office of Homeland Security FY 08 Homeland Security Grant Program; the grant award is \$128,215.
Farnetti/Hunt, 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Correspondence to the Board
There is no correspondence.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 7a) Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Grant Program Application (**Louis Molina**) - Cal EPA, Integrated Waste Management Board is providing a grant of approximately \$17,857 for the purpose of allocating moneys to supplement the LEA's existing budget for equipment, supplies, training, technical support and other expenses incurred by Mono County in the implementation of the /Solid Waste Program. The "Grant Performance Period" shall be for eligible expenses incurred during the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

- M08-167** **Action:** Authorize Louis Molina, LEA Manager, to submit the LEA Grant Application (EA 19 (FY 2008/09)) and to execute application, agreements, amendments, requests for payment and all grant documents necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved Grant Project.
Hazard/Reid, 5-0

Louis Molina: This is a request for approval to submit an application for an annual grant in the amount of \$17,800. This grant has come before the Board in the past in combination with Alpine County; it is not combined this year. This is a supplement to the solid waste program for training materials and salaries. Asked for Board approval to implement the grant and spend it accordingly. The grant is for the current fiscal year.

AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS

- 8a) BOS letter to ICEMA requesting part-time ALS in Chalfant (**Mark Mikulicich**) - Receive presentation by Chief Mark Mikulicich regarding a letter to be drafted from the Board of Supervisors to ICEMA, supporting and requesting approval for part-time Advanced Life Support services from Chalfant Valley Fire Department. Consider and potentially utilize the sample letter provided, or take such other action as the Board deems appropriate. Provide any desired direction to staff.
- M08-168** **Action:** Send requested correspondence to ICEMA, as outlined in sample letter provided in packet.
Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0

Mark Mikulicich: Asked the Board to sign a letter to ICEMA requesting service and

acknowledging Board support of the service. With the letter, ICEMA will come to Chalfant and inspect the facility. An MOU with the fire department will come back to the Board for approval. Asking the Board to approve the letter as submitted, or make changes.

- 8b) 2007 Annual EMCC report to the Board of Supervisors (**Mark Mikulicich**) - Oral presentation by Mark Mikulicich, Mono County Paramedic Fire Rescue Chief and Chairman of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, regarding the 2007 annual report of the EMCC to the Board of Supervisors (submitted). Highlights from the report will be discussed as an informational workshop. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Action: It is recommended that the Board receive and review the 2007 EMCC report, and engage in any discussion or questions with staff regarding content. Provide any additional desired direction to staff.

Mark Mikulicich: The Board of Supervisors officially approved the EMCC committee on February 19th. Part of the official designation is to provide an annual report to the Board. Mikulicich reviewed the report and highlighted its contents; presented statistics found on pages 13 and 14. Call volume is down in Mammoth; there are fewer calls related to skier trauma, but a slight increase in calls related to summertime activity. Outlined results of the 2007 meetings (found on page 14 of the report), and recommendations (found on page 15 of the report). The last EMCC report was completed in 2004 by Dr. Johnson; many of the goals and recommendations were related to administrative oversight (page 16 of the report). Most of the issues have been addressed. The EMCC committee is pleased with progress in the Tri-Valley area.

Chairwoman Bauer: Is there an item in the 2008-2009 budget for the cost of training? And are the results of the ALS service review available?

- Mikulicich: Yes, funding for training is included in the budget. Regarding ALS service, the committee said the BLS ambulance is more important than an ALS assessment engine that can't transport patients. This recommendation was given to the Mammoth Fire Department.

Supervisor Hunt: Asked about the billing situation.

- Mikulicich: It is under control; Mary Booher has good ideas about gathering preliminary billing information to help streamline the process. Whenever someone raises a question about billing, Mikulicich talks directly with the patient.

Supervisor Hazard: Has there been further discussion with Mammoth Hospital about advancing services? This discussion should be on the table for the upcoming budget session.

- Mikulicich: Have not spoken with the hospital about the potential for the County to add another BLS rig and have the hospital discontinue use of their rig. Since the hospital was undergoing changes, the timing was not right. Mikulicich is still interested in this, but the decrease in winter call volume changes the situation; not sure this change can be achieved for the upcoming winter. Need to work through the meet-and-confer process regarding personnel issues.

Supervisor Farnetti: The Mountain has some concerns about moving people out of the holding room; charging for the service may cause delays. Agreed that the timing for a change has not been right.

Supervisor Reid: Has Mikulicich had a discussion with Antelope Valley Fire Department about placing a unit there?

- Mikulicich: Have not had a chance, but will move forward with this discussion in order to secure a garage space.

Tom Wallace: Regarding Mental Health transfers, the current contractor is having increasing difficulty finding crews to staff the ambulance; this causes delays at the hospital. There is an interest in continuing the discussion about adding another unit to the County.

Mikulicich: Currently two employees are on the part-time list and are paid to work a 24-hour shift; need to develop a schedule for those working only an 8-hour shift. Mikulicich usually gleans EMTs from the fire districts; he has ideas about a pool of contractor EMTs who come in for a 4- or 6-hour assignment at a set rate. Needs to work through staffing issues.

David Wilbrecht: This issue is in the realm of labor negotiations; the Board should hold policy items until labor negotiations have been accomplished. The labor process will be completed this fall.

Supervisor Hazard: Need to continue planning because there is a need in the South County. Important to know what the impact will be to the general fund.

- Mikulicich: Will work on recommendations.

ADJOURN: 11:50 a.m.

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